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Four Monday's Daily.

They are said to be wanting brick masons at Prescott.

The board of supervisors have adjourned to meet on the 21st inst.

O R Steen returned from Tucson yesterday, where he had been in service as U S grand juror.

Malaria is a cure for cancer, some medical men say. Between chills and fever and cancer, some people would say there isn't so much choice.

President Roosevelt has sent to South Africa a check for \$5000, representing funds raised in Illinois for the relief of Boer women and children.

Mr J. Butler, father of Butler Bros., the well known merchants, is confined to his room with pneumonia. The many friends of Mr Butler hope for his early recovery.

A Chicago lawyer in a Pennsylvania court recently made an address 35 hours long and containing upwards of 300,000 words. The Bible contains 773,000. Experts say this argument was the longest ever made.

An order of Degree of Honor of the A. O. U. W. was organized in Tombstone last evening, the charter membership numbering 26, which is a healthy showing and assures its success and continued growth.

Clerk J. F. Duncan of the board of supervisors has been granted a leave of absence extending sixty days and he will leave for California points on a trip and recuperate during his vacation. Mr. O. Gibson will act as clerk during the temporary absence of Mr. Duncan.

The passenger trains continue to arrive late from both the east and west. The Benson Press assigns as a reason that the traffic is so heavy that it is impossible for the passenger engines, although they are as heavy and powerful passenger engines as are to be found on any road, to haul the big trains and make schedule time.

A special election was called at Flagstaff for April 2d, to vote on the proposition of issuing \$22,000 in bonds, but was declared off and indefinitely postponed owing to the unfortunate mistake of the Coconino Ben in omitting the election proclamation from its issue of March 29th, the last day for publication.

Eastern investors claim that certain companies with properties in Arizona are paying dividends with only a few months' work done. The surmise is that these dividends are drawn from the sale of stock and is not earned. We would advise investors to become subscribers to a reputable paper in the locality of the mines. Improvements necessary before the dividend stage is reached are usually mentioned in the local columns.

Richard Sloan, the 9 year-old son of Judge and Mrs R E Sloan, died very suddenly Saturday at Prescott of croup. He was in his usual health and was taken during the night with an attack of croup which resulted fatally about 8 o'clock the following morning. Judge Sloan is well remembered in Tombstone and the sympathy of our people is extended himself and wife to their affliction.

The Star says that late Friday night Frank Powers, John Brockman and D. M. Barringer closed negotiations whereby the former disposed of the World's Fair silver mines, seven claims in the Harshaw district, Patagonia mountains, to the last two mentioned gentlemen, who represent the Commonwealth Mining and Milling company at Pearce. It was current report on the street that Brockman and Barringer, after several consultations, arranged for a payment of \$500,000 Powers to retain one fourth interest in the property. The story has been confirmed. There was just such a thing possible that the deal would not be effected, but at a late hour terms were amicably settled.

COUNTY RECORDER'S RECENT WORK

Instruments Recorded During the Past Week.

RELIABLE INFORMATION.

LEAVE.
John Lupnow to Geo. S. Barr.
LAND CLAIM.
O. W. Hoffmeister.
RELOCATION APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY.
A. O. Lewis to J. H. Johnson.
RELEASE OF MORTGAGE.
D. A. Adams to A. and W. W. Adams.
APPOINTMENT OF AGENT.
Atlas Ins Co to J V Vickers.
Atlas Assurance Co to J V Vickers.
National Fire Ins Co to J V Vickers.
Springfield Fire and Marine Ins Co to J V Vickers.
PROBATE COURT OF DISTRIBUTION.
Estate Ernest C Barker.
DEEDS OF MILL SITES.
5 by Hilltop Silver Lead Mines Co.
1 by E J and F H Hande.

Two Very Important Industries.

While it may seem a broad statement, it is probably true, that our railroads, with their immense capitalization and army of employees, form one of the most important industries of the country. The other very important industry is the manufacture of this celebrated family medicine. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It is compounded with the greatest care and contains nothing that would injure the most delicate system. It is backed by a record of fifty years of cures of sick headache, indigestion, flatulency, belching, dyspepsia, liver and kidney troubles and malaria fever and ague. It is a splendid spring medicine and blood purifier and as a tonic for the run down system it is unequalled. Try it. Our private stamp is over the neck of the bottle.

We have just been notified that Dr. Henry Wallace, who has been visiting us for the past two months, he decided to commence practice here, having within a short time made the trip to Phoenix to obtain his license. Dr. Wallace is a graduate of one of the New York medical schools, having taken his degree in the year 1890. Since this time he has served successfully as house physician and surgeon, and later surgeon, to the out-patient department of the Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y. For the past ten years he has held the position of assistant surgeon to St. John's hospital in the same city. For several years he has been connected with the throat and nose department of the P. I. Hemus clinic and on the board of instruction of the Long Island College Hospital. Since his arrival in this city he has received an appointment of laryngologist at St. John's hospital, Brooklyn. During the Spanish-American war the doctor served as major and surgeon of the 47th Regiment Infantry, U. S. volunteers. The doctor is greatly pleased with our city and its prospects. He will build, very shortly, a residence and office. Until then he may be found at the Arlington, where he will hold office hours from 9 to 10 a. m. and from 2 to 3 in the afternoon.

A man who will go about mining understandingly has no more chance of loss than in agriculture or other commercial pursuits and the eagerness with which investors are seeking the practical side of it emphasizes the fact that they are fully cognizant of the extraordinary opportunities open for legitimate enterprises for those who go about the exploration of the ore deposits from the standpoint of being familiar with their conduct in the separate measures or formations in which they occur.

About thirty saddle horses were purchased in Stafford and nearly that many at Lima by a horse buyer who is procuring them to be shipped to South Africa for use by the English army. This will be good news for the Boers, as they are pretty good animals and it will not take the Boers long to take them from the English.

Drying preparations simply develop dry catarrhs; they dry up the secretions, which adhere to the membrane and decompose, causing a far more serious trouble than the ordinary form of catarrh. Avoid all drying inhalants, fumes, smokes and snuffs and use that which cleanses, soothes and heals. Ely's Cream Balm is such a remedy and will cure catarrh or cold in the head easily and pleasantly. A trial size will be mailed for 10 cents. All druggists sell the 50c size. Ely Brothers, 66 Warren St., N. Y. The Balm cures without pain, does not irritate or cause sneezing. It spreads itself over an irritated and angry surface, relieving immediately the painful inflammation. With Ely's Cream Balm you are armed against nasal catarrh and hay fever.

OFFICIAL COUNTY PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Board of Supervisors

AN AUTHENTIC REPORT

TOMBSTONE, April 10, 1902.
Board convened at 10 a m pursuant to adjournment with present Supervisors York and Delehanaty and the clerk, Supervisor Keay, came in later. The minutes of the meeting of April 9 were read and approved. The Board audited and allowed the following claims:
J H Bauman, list patented lands, \$ 7 80
Cannoea Supply store, supplies jail Naco, 11 00
H Gerwein, burying indigent, Benson, 20 00
G F Cook, interpreting Probate court, claim No. 4, \$5, disallowed \$3 2 00
W B Kelly, county printing, 41 39
W B Kelly, publishing notice Cannoea Supply store, supplies branch jail, Naco, claim No. 6, \$2.85, disallowed \$2.85 23 00
A Barnaby, juror's certificate Jose Herrera, hauling supplies smallpox patients asend, C L Cummings, 5 00
A V Lewis, sheriff's expenses Ter va Haskidital, claim No. 7, \$177.65 disallowed \$177 65
L B Sutherland, supplies post house Douglas, 18 06
Grace B Lawry, feeding jury, 4 35
A Barnaby, 2 brooms jail, Bisbee, 90
E G Ord, supplies to branch jail, Bisbee, 25 10
Central Pharmacy, drugs furnished jail, 5 00
C L Cummings, jurors certificate, 2 20
C H Harpole, nurses guard smallpox, Douglas, 6 00
Thos Keenan, cutting wood court house, asend, Martin Costello, 11 82
M G Phelan, teams for person's jury, Douglas, 6 00
J D Prewitt, constable's fees, Bowie, 7 35
H Gerwein, lumber for bridge, 102 90
W B Kelly, printing property tax receipts, 7 50
S K Williams, fare indigent to hospital, 2 50
Frank Biaz, work on Turquoise road, 25 00
C R Bostwick, examining two insane persons, 8 00
Francis Hartman, salary court stenographer Jan., 1902, 41 66
Frank Hare, expressage and stamps, 5 25
Francis Hartman, salary court stenographer Feb. 1902, 41 66
J D McIntosh, Apache interpreter, Ter va Haskidital, claim No. 5, \$67.80, disallowed \$47.80 20 00
Charles F McCann nurse and guard post house Douglas, asend, to F S Douglas, 88 00
C E Murry & Co medicines for smallpox Douglas asend, F S Douglas, 10 70
Francis Hartman salary stenographer March, 41 67
S K Williams buggy hire request Naco, 4 00
C R Bostwick examining 3 insane persons, 12 00
F G Flores nurse post house Tombstone asend, P B Warneke, 45 06
Cummings & York meat to post house Tombstone, 3 54
M Wo sup. indigent Benton 1st qtr. 1902, 33 50
Benson Press printing notices Ben Henry juror's certificate Bisbee Water & Coal Co water Bisbee jail 1st qtr. 1902, 24 00
C N Thomas night watchman jail Bisbee, 15 00
A Ashman gas court house, 130 00
Board stood at recess until 3 p. m.

THOMAS R. YORK, Chairman.

JAMES F. DUNCAN, Clerk.

NIGGER BEN'S SOURCE OF GOLD

Find Believed to Have Been Discovered

CORRESPONDENT'S STORY

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During the latter years of the civil war Ben Higgins, a great buck negro appeared at the placer diggings along the Hassayampa river. Higgins acknowledged that he was an escaped slave, but his gigantic size and strength and his marvellously unerring work with his rifle and pistol, quickly put him on a substantial standing with the miners, most of whom were northern men.

In those years Central Arizona was at the mercy of roving bands of Apaches, and renegade Mexicans, who were nearly as dangerous, but the big negro held the hostiles in absolute contempt, on several occasions creating such havoc among them that the Indians gave to him the title of "Black Devil."

He wandered at will about the country, then disappeared from the river camp. The miners decided that he had eventually fallen a victim to the Indians; when he returned one day, nearly a year later, carrying a large bag of gold dust and nuggets. He persistently refused to tell where he had found the gold, and soon afterwards left for the East.

In various northern cities he spent his wealth, living like a prince, maintaining two or three homes and throwing money about as only a quickly-rich negro can.

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Board convened at 2 p m, same members present, and audited and allowed the following claims:
Brophy Transfer Co, hauling for post house, Bisbee, 3 00
E G Ord & Co, supplies post house, Naco, 14 00
G H French, supplies, etc. post house Douglas, 82 80
E F Kelsey, coroner's inquest, Bowie, 10 00
P B Warneke, supplies post house Tombstone, 72 80
B Maier & Co, supplies post house Benson, claim No 26, \$57.50, disallowed \$11.20, 46 30

R K Whitman, M D, medical services Douglas, 180 00
E F Kelsey, justice's fees Bowie, 3 75
Hassayampa Water Co, C H & H 1st qtr 1902, 181 75
Grace B Lawry, feeding prisoners county jail, claim No. 132, \$612 \$1, disallowed \$2.50 610 31
Sam Sing, feeding indigents Willcox, claim No 35, \$27, disallowed \$5.40, 21 60
Edmundson & Cavin, professional services, 205 00
Cannoea Supply store, supplies pest house Naco claim No 17 \$177.30, disallowed \$21.10 116 20
Cannoea Supply store, supplies smallpox Naco claim No 1, \$145.76, disallowed \$6 139 76
Chas Hay, feeding prisoners and indigent Benson claim No 77 \$125.25 disallowed \$25.05 100 20
Notary bond, C B Maier, with W A White, Ben Oldman and F M Abrams as sureties, approved. Board then adjourned until 10 a. m., April 11th.

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OF INTEREST TO ARIZONANS

Pensions Granted Citizens of the Territory

PATENTS, APPOINTMENTS

A Washington dispatch says: Pensions have been granted as follows: Original—Michael C Manning, Mc Gab, \$8; George W Oaks, Tucson, \$8; Eugene E Bridgeman, Phoenix, \$8; Samuel B Gilliland, Flagstaff, \$6; Kolla O Brown, Tucson, \$6; Henry Severin, Willcox, \$6; Wm W Ormsby, Florence, \$6; John Sullivan, Phoenix, \$8. Increase—Michael Delehanaty, Colorado, \$12; Ignacio Gallegos, St. John, \$6; Santiago Marquez, Coneho, \$12; John M Criley, Prescott, \$12; minors of Marcus A Roberts, Flagstaff, \$13. War with Spain—Estelle Farmer, Fort Huachuca, \$20.

Miss Olie F Winslow of Cantonment, Okla., was appointed landress at Western Navajo, Ariz., school.

Morrill M Griffith of Greenfield, Mo., was appointed printer at Phoenix Indian school.

A patent for a boiler cleaner has been issued to James H Connolly of Clifton.

The postoffice at Culling, Maricopa county, has been discontinued and mail ordered sent to Harrisburg.

The abstract of the condition of the national banks of Arizona at the close of business on February 25, as reported by the comptroller of the currency, shows the average reserve to have been 42.45 per cent against \$7.97 per cent on December 10. Loans and discounts increased from \$1,735,765 to \$1,754,789; due national banks, net reserve agents, from \$120,711 to \$144,576; due from state bank and bankers from \$16,890 to 123,681; due from approved reserve agents \$735,615 to \$821,104; gold coin decreased from \$232,580 to \$215,927; total specie from \$384,796 to \$259,664; lawful money reserve increased from \$336,705 to \$360,171; due to other national banks from \$17,597 to \$34,570; due to state banks and bankers from \$47,785 to \$49,693; individual deposits from \$2,872,215 to \$3,978,472.

Gilbert B Gray of Phoenix has been admitted to practice before the interior department. A postoffice has been established at Grant Canyon, Coconino county, with Martin Buggelin as postmaster. Mrs Margaret E Wilt of Seattle, Wash., has been appointed to a position at Western Navajo, Ariz., Indian school. Miss Lillian L. Markley of Fort Defiance was appointed a landress at Fort Mohave school.

A gentleman who has just returned from the East says that he met several drummers on the train, being sent out by houses that heretofore never paid any attention to Arizona. Their instructions were to visit every town in the territory, regardless of the expense of getting there. This shows that Arizona is attracting the attention in the trade centers of the East that its rapid development demands.—Douglas International.

Robert Williams, who recently began extensive operations in the Mogollon mountains raising Angora goats, has offered a new cure for consumption. He is thoroughly convinced that goat's milk will in time rid a person of the dread disease and now wants the government to take up the matter.

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EXTENDING THEIR ARIZONA HOLDINGS

Encouraged by Cochise County Successes

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

Mr. D. M. Barringer, who is heavily interested in the Commonwealth mining company at Pearce, was a Tombstone visitor yesterday, in company with Mr. A. Y. Smith, the well known and popular head bookkeeper of the company. Mr. Barringer is a pleasant gentleman, and moreover, since becoming interested in the treasure territory, is an enthusiastic Arizona and believes Arizona to be on the threshold of a mining era that is destined to outshine the record of any of Uncle Sam's most prosperous commonwealths. In Cochise county the resources and inviting opportunities open to the magic touch of capital are attracting the attention of the mining world, in which our sister counties are likewise sharing. Mr. Barringer with his associates, including Manager Brockman of the Commonwealth and Senator Penrose and brother, Col. R. A. F. Penrose, are backing their judgment in this respect by substantial mining investments in this section and doing much to aid in the general development. In speaking to a PROSPECTOR reporter, Mr. Barringer stated himself and associates had secured a bend on the Coey copper group near Dos Cabezas, an account of which recently appeared in these columns. Considerable work is proposed on this promising property and will be crowded forward as soon as possible. Mr. Barringer also confirmed the report that negotiations were closed for a bend on the Powers group, or World's Fair property, at Harshaw; and although he did not state the figure, it is believed \$500,000 is the sum involved. With the opening of this property another famous producer will be added to the list of Southern Arizona divident payers. Of the railroad from Pearce to Cochise, Mr. Barringer stated that the Southern Pacific company were seriously considering the building of the road and its advent would be welcomed and encouraged by his company. From this it would appear that the impression the Commonwealth company would build the road themselves is evidently erroneous, and instead the Southern Pacific are intent on reaching out and traversing the rich mineral sections of the county and extend their line to Tombstone, Naco and Bisbee.

County Surveyor J. A. Rockefeller and family left yesterday for the Dragoons and will spend a few weeks recreating in that range while Mr. Rockefeller will look after some interests in that section.

If the Boers had been able to confine in a prison camp all the British soldiers they have captured during the last year, the spectacle would be an unpleasant one for British pride.

The Old Fellows' grand lodge of the Territory of Arizona will meet in Prescott on Monday, April 21. It is expected that a large number of members of the order will be in attendance.

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